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1. THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF ESTRANGEMENT IN SINO-CAMBODIAN
RELATIONSHIP THAT WE CAN DISCERN FROM PEKING. AT THE
BEGINNING OF IENG SARY'S CURRENT TOUR OF ASIAN CAPITALS
HE SEEMED TO RECEIVE NORMAL DEGREE OF CHINESE HOSPITALITY
INCLUDING MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN.
THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIALS ON CAMBODIA IN RECENT
MONTHS. NEWS TREATMENT OF SUCH EVENTS AS SARY VISIT,
THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER TROUBLES AND CAMBODIA REJECTION
OF OUR DEMARCHE OF MARCH 14 DID NOT REVEAL ANY SHIFT
IN PRC ATTITUDE.

2. JAPANESE AND FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HYPOTHESIZED
DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON CAMBODIA THAT THE PRC MIGHT BE
ANXIOUS THAT THE CAMBODIANS OPEN UP MORE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD
AND MIGHT EVEN HAVE INSTIGATED SARY'S PRESENT TRIP FOR
THIS REASON.

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3. WHILE ALL APPEARS NORMAL BETWEEN PEKING AND
PHNOM PENH, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME FRICTION BETWEEN
CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE. CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR
PICH CHEANG AT RECENT DINNER HOSTED BY YUGOSLAV
AMBASSADOR SAID CAMBODIA-SRV RELATIONSHIP SUFFERED
BECAUSE OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY

FORCES ON CAMBODIAN SOIL.

4. ON SINO-VIETNAMESE FRONT JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER
TOLD US OF BITTER REMARK MADE TO HIM MARCH 22 BY
"MIDDLE-LEVEL CHINESE OFFICIAL" TO EFFECT THAT SRV
"LISTENED TO USSR TOO MUCH" AND WAS GUILTY OF "LITTLE
TSARISM", A HERESY WHICH JAPANESE INTERPRETED AS
BEING AKIN TO DESIRE FOR HEGEMONY IN INDO-CHINA.
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